



## Medavie Blue Cross Migrates Mainframe Applications to Reduce Costs

*“Moving off the mainframe has brought us a more cost-effective means of managing our IT system and easier access to information for our users. We now have a system that will scale to our future needs, enabling our company to manage our information needs today and grow easily.”*

*- Don McPhee, Director of Technical Services, Medavie Blue Cross*

### Highlights:

- \$3 million annual savings in IT operations
- Provided new IT capacity for enhancements and business initiatives
- Simplified support and reduced staffing and training requirements

### Mainframe rehosting plays key part in comprehensive IT plan

Medavie Blue Cross needed a comprehensive IT plan to manage the intricate web of programs, policies, benefits, and regulations that connect insurers, providers, regulators, and consumers in the health care IT mix.

Broad industry changes, constant evolution of information needs, and rapid technology innovation challenged the insurer's further reliance on an expensive outsourced mainframe. Another goal was to move legacy files to Oracle applications on an open system to provide staff with the flexibility to better respond to customer inquiries. The organization needed a more economical solution for its growing information needs—one that would provide a robust IT infrastructure to meet future business challenges.

The company selected a mainframe rehosting strategy and chose UniKix™ Transaction Processing Environment software from Clerity to move its essential legacy applications from the mainframe to an open systems environment, creating a sophisticated and practical IT system to take the company into the next century.

Moving to open systems enabled the organization to reduce operating costs, improve flexibility to quickly respond to business demands, and position the organization for future growth. The move also simplified the organization's support needs, saved on staffing and training requirements, and enabled the company to standardize on a single, more economical, and powerful infrastructure.

Most important, the migration strategy has been a financial success. While the company spent \$6 million on hardware and software for the migration, after the payback period ended, the company saves \$3 million annually over the outsourced mainframe.

“Key factors in our decision to move off the mainframe were the escalating cost of mainframe operations and the need for a common open infrastructure,” says Don McPhee, Director of Technical Services for Medavie Blue Cross.

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